

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
DWPI + keywords: (A61M 16/-, A62B /- breath, respirat, expirat, CPAP, vent, exhaust, switch, select) and similar terms.

Claims 17-26 were only searched for use with a mask assembly as in the abstract and description.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 6561191 B1 (KWOK) 13 May 2003 Whole document	
A	US 6557555 B1 (HOLLIS) 6 May 2003 Whole document	
A	GB 1548374 A (PENLON LTD) 11 July 1979 Whole document	
A	US 4437461 A (GREENBERG) 20 March 1984 Whole document	



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